

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Where monochromatic pages (image data of monochromatic originals) and color pages (image data of color originals) are mixed in a print job received from a personal computer via a network includes and a distribution mode is set, a printer controller controls printing by distributing the monochromatic pages to a monochromatic image forming apparatus and the color pages to a color image forming apparatus.

If the printing of the color pages by the color image forming apparatus is completed but the printing of the monochromatic pages is not completed, the mode of the color image forming apparatus is switched to a monochromatic mode and the printing of the monochromatic pages is distributed in accordance with the printing speeds (monochromatic printing) of the color image forming apparatus switched to the monochromatic mode and the monochromatic image forming apparatus.